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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO HEW/SSA, MR. WILLIAM M. YOFFEE

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SUBJECT: FRG-US SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

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1. SCHWARZ IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT RESCHEDULING OF DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 10, PROVIDED HE GETS FINAL APPROVAL FOR NECESSARY SCHEDULING CHANGES NOW REQUIRED IN GERMAN-SWISS-AUSTRIAN-LIECHTENSTEIN SOCIAL SECURITY NEGOTIATION SCHEDULE FROM SWISS DELEGATE. SCHWARZ EXPECTS AN ANSWER ON JANUARY 13.

2. GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL TAKE CARE OF HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND PROVIDE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. THE GERMAN LABOR ATTACHE TO WASHINGTON, HERR VOLLMER, WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON ARRIVAL DATES AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. SCHWARZ STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOFFEE PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO INTERPRETERS IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE PARTIES HAD DURING THEIR LAST SESSION IN
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WASHINGTON. SCHWARZ RECALLS THE EXCELLENT JOB WHICH WAS DONE BY MRS. BRIGITTA RICHMAN DURING THE LAST SESSION AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF SHE COULD BE HIRED FOR THE UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS.

4. SCHWARZ REGRETS THAT THE LABOR MINISTRY HAS DISAPPROVED SENDING GERMAN INTERPRETERS TO WASHINGTON FOR

BUDGETARY REASONS, AND SUGGESTS THAT YOFFEE CONTACT
HERR VOLLMER, IN CASE ANY DIFFICULTIES ARISE WITH
INTERPRETERS.

5. THE GERMAN LABOR MINISTRY DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE
HERR SCHWARZ AND HERR KALMUND, WHO ARE BOTH WELL-
KNOWN FROM PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS. THEY WILL MOST LIKELY
BE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM THE OLD
AGE INSURANCE AGENCIES INVOLVED, I.E., THE BUNDESVER-
SICHERUNGSANSTALT FUER ANGESTELLTE, BUNDESKNAPPSCHAFT,
AND LANDESVERSICHERUNGSANSTALT HAMBURG.
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